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Dear Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am in total opposition of S.B. 16, An Act Addressing Gun Violence and Juvenile Crime. This bill, in its current form, neither addresses gun violence nor juvenile crime. In fact, the first 45 of 52 pages simply adds additional restrictions on law abiding citizens of Connecticut. It adds restrictions on the type of firearms that can be owned, where they can be carried, and additional restrictions on firearms retailers.

This bill further restricts places where law abiding citizens have the right to protect themselves by creating additional "gun-free zones" which often become attractive locations for criminals to target potential crime victims, knowing they will be unarmed.

Legal gun owners are not the problem but always seem to be the ones who are punished for the acts of criminals. It's time we go back to placing the blame on those who are committing the crimes.

As a former Police Commissioner (2013-2021), I am well aware of the massive increase in juvenile crime over the past few years, that has plagued our cities and towns. Many of the juveniles who are arrested have been arrested several times before and are often back on the street the next day committing more crimes. I see nothing in this bill that will address this, other than adding an additional two hours to the time they can be held.

Please oppose this bill and write a bill that will actually address gun violence and juvenile crime.

Please also opposed H.B. 5416 An Act Concerning Bulk Purchase of Pistols and Revolvers.

Please support:

S.B. 388 An Act Concerning The Defense of a Person or a Person's Dwelling, Place of Work or Motor Vehicle

H.B. 5415 An Act Concerning The Transfer of Assault Weapons And Large Capacity Magazines

H.B. 5412 An Act Concerning The Duty to Retreat in a Religious House Of Worship.

Thank you.

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